

KANSAS MAN PROMOTED RAPIDLY

W. R. Spilman of Manhattan
May Succeed Machen.

HAS EARNED HIS SUCCESS

Actual Merit and Faithful
Work Rewarded.

Manhattan, Kan., Aug. 15.—A Washington dispatch states that William R. Spilman of this city, who is the assistant clerk in the office of the superintendent of the rural free delivery department, may succeed former Superintendent August W. Macher, now under indictment charged with using his office for personal gain. Mr. Spilman has been given temporary charge of the rural free delivery service and it has been generally expected that he would very likely receive the appointment of superintendent soon.

Mr. Spilman's rise in the service of the postoffice department during the past few years has been remarkable. His executive ability and faithfulness to duty constantly attracted the attention of his superiors, especially Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bickow, who has been particularly interested in his advancement.

During November, 1897, Mr. Spilman took the civil service examination and received an appointment immediately in the X-ray department as a stenographer and typewriter at a salary of \$600 a year. He remained in that department until June of the following year when his salary was raised to \$1,000. Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bickow heard of his excellent executive ability and asked for his transfer to the postoffice department. In making this change Mr. Spilman was given \$1,300.

Just at that time the Spanish war increased the business of the White House, and Secretary Cortes made requisition on the postoffice department for its best stenographer. Mr. Spilman was selected and detailed to the house for temporary service. Several months later he was returned to his regular appointment and given a place in the mail department division, his salary being increased to \$1,400.

Mr. Spilman was later detailed with a number of the postoffice inspectors to Porto Rico where he remained for several months, assisting in the reorganization of the postal service of the island. Since returning to Washington he has served in various details in different divisions of the department, finally becoming the confidential clerk of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bickow at an annual salary of \$1,500.

A year later there became a vacancy in the office of appointment clerk for the department and Mr. Spilman was named as the successor. His present salary is \$2,000. The appointment of all the fourth class postmasters in the United States comes under his office. Mr. Spilman's promotions from time to time were in no instance solicited by him but made purely on the merit system.

As superintendent of rural free delivery he will receive a salary of \$2,000 a year.

TRAMPLED TO DEATH.

Vicious Horse Kicks a Child and Then Tramples on It.

McPherson, Kan., Aug. 15.—Last Sunday, Ruth, the only child of John F. and Mrs. Nelson, living six and one-half miles northwest of McPherson, was kicked or trampled to death by a vicious horse in her father's barn. She went to the barn and returned her mother became uneasy and went to see what was troubling her. When she stepped into the barn she was struck by the horse's head, her daughter lying under the horse's feet dead. It is supposed the little girl, in passing the horse was kicked and fell toward the animal and was trampled upon. The body was considerably bruised and lacerated.

CHANCES ARE SLIGHT.

Wagon Wheels Passed Over His Chest Which May Prove Fatal.

Kingman, Kan., Aug. 15.—Frank Rutkowski of Tulsa township, a young man aged about 24 years, was the victim of a terrible accident the past week. He was hauling wheat to New Madrid, Mo. in some manner unknown, fell under the wheels and was run over by the heavily loaded wagon, which ran diagonally across his body, crushing the chest and forcing some of the broken ribs into his lungs. At last accounts he was still alive but the chances for his recovery are said to be very slight.

FARMS CHANGE HANDS.

More Than 500 Were Sold in Kingman Last Year.

Kingman, Kan., Aug. 15.—Over 500 farms changed hands in Kingman county in the past year. These farms sold for an average of fully \$2,000, making the transaction sum of \$1,000,000 of new money invested in Kingman county real estate. Five years ago the same farms would not have brought to exceed half this sum. One year ago they would have sold for one-fifth less. Next year they will easily sell for one-third more. In five years they would readily sell for fifty per cent more than they would bring now. Each year on an average they will produce

Disfigured Skin

Wanted muscles and decaying bones.

What have I?

Scrofula, let alone, is capable of all that, and more.

It is commonly marked by bunches in the neck, inflammation in the eyes, dyspepsia, catarrh, and general debility.

It is always radically and permanently cured by

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Which expels all humors, cures all eruptions, and builds up the whole system, whether young or old.

Hood's Sarsaparilla cures the skin-disease and only cures it, in fact with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

a wheat crop worth as much as the first cost of the land. Thus the buyer has the crop each year for a hundred per cent profit on his investment as long as he chooses to hold it or he can cash it at any time at a 20 per cent annual profit on his first investment and let the land lie idle. This is no idle statement. Hundreds of farmers or men who buy and sell for speculation can verify each word of it. The history of the past eight years bears us out in every particular and more, too.

DEMAND FOR TEACHERS.

Meager Wages Do Not Attract the Young Graduates.

Eureka, Kan., Aug. 15.—In Greenwood as in the other Kansas counties the demand for school teachers is greater than the supply. The reason of the shortage is not due to the fact that there is not sufficient material but is owing to the meager wages paid in most districts for such work. In this county there are more persons holding teachers' certificates than there are schools, but some of the most efficient and experienced teachers have announced their intention of giving up the profession for the reason that they can make more money at almost any other kind of work.

TO PASS BAD CHECK.

Check Was Signed by a Woman Who Repudiated It.

Hutchinson, Kan., Aug. 15.—Mrs. Ed Dew was arrested by Charles Sisk on the charge of attempting to pass a bad check at Martin & Co.'s store. The check was for \$25 and was signed by the name of Mrs. W. H. Underwood. The merchant people did not cash the check but sent for Mrs. Underwood and found that she had not given out such a check. Mrs. Dew, when confronted with this fact, said that Lucy Lord, who lives just in South Adams street, wrote the check and that she (Mrs. Dew) thought it was all right.

SHORT IN HIS ACCOUNTS.

Sureties Pay the Amount of the Bond Signed by Them.

Wellington, Kan., Aug. 15.—Last winter Cash Moore left unceremoniously for Old Mexico. He had his treasure of the stolen money and was short in his accounts. His friends decided to sue him and eleven of them stood a note as security for the amount of the shortage of \$100.

Today the sureties paid this note. Moore has gone again. This time he is in Fort Wayne, Ind., working at his trade.

STOLEN FROM HITCHRACK.

Horse and Buggy Disappeared and Aroused Suspicion.

Argonia, Kan., Aug. 15.—A horse and buggy belonging to John Goidy were stolen from a hitchrack in this city Sunday evening, and although diligent search has been made for the rig no clue has as yet been obtained. Suspicion rests upon local talent, but as yet no arrests have been made. From the frequent thefts committed it would seem that there is a regularly organized gang working this territory.

ALL LOCAL JOINTISTS.

Warrants Have Been Issued and Parties Released on Bond.

Kimley, Kan., Aug. 15.—County Attorney Iyer caused warrants to be issued Wednesday afternoon for all local jointists. They were placed in the hands of the sheriff and McAfee, Herman and Wilson were placed under arrest. They were released on \$200 bonds each. Carson was out of town and had not been placed under arrest. These prosecutions are instigated by the temperance element in this city. They have engaged Senator Smith to assist in the prosecution of McAfee, Carson and Wilson and the cases will be tried in the district court.

HORSE THIEF TAKEN.

Rode a Pony into a Pasture and Left It for a Horse.

Wellington, Kan., Aug. 15.—City Marshal C. W. Cox succeeded in running down Geo. Watson last night, who stole John Porter's fine driving mare near Cleora one night last week. Mr. Cox was in Newton a few days ago on the track of Watson, and received a message yesterday evening that Watson had been caught. Newton, Watson rode a pony into Porter's pasture and left it in exchange for Porter's fine driving mare. He had traded the Porter mare north of Wichita for another horse, which he rode into Newton. The officers there located Watson through instructions left by Mr. Cox.

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LETTER IS SENT TO MR. QUAY

Hope Is Strong That the Senator Will Accept

CAN FIX HIS OWN DATE

El Reno to Accommodate Reunion to His Visit.

Guthrie, O. T., Aug. 15.—The following address was prepared yesterday and forwarded to United States Senator Mark Quay by the leading Republicans of the territory:

"The people of this territory feel very grateful to you for your efforts in their behalf in the attempt to secure statehood for Oklahoma; individuals have heretofore expressed to you the hope that you could come to Oklahoma and see the country and the people before congress next meets. A visit from you would be received by them with more pleasure than that of any other person who can now be named and expressions of the hope that you will come before congress meets are frequent in the press and in general conversation.

"This is to express this general sentiment and request that you come to the territory at some time convenient to you after the end of our summer is past and before congress meets. Every facility for travel and observation will be at your disposal from the time you reach St. Louis or Chicago until you have made this visit and returned to the Mississippi river.

"The old soldiers of the territory will, in a few weeks, hold a reunion at El Reno, and are now refusing to fix a date for the meeting in that hope that they may learn when you will be in the territory, and then fix a date for their meeting at such time as they can have you as their guest.

"This letter is signed by only a few persons, but it would be signed with great pleasure by every man in the territory.

"Hoping that you can come, and at an early date fix a time for your coming, we are, dear sir, with high regard,

Very truly yours,

The letter is signed by Delegate R. S. McGuire, ex-Delegate Dennis T. Flynn, Governor T. B. Ferguson, ex-Governor C. M. Barnes, Chief Justice J. H. Burford, Associate Justice R. F. Burwell, United States Attorney Horace Speed, ex-Senator Sidney Clarke, Henry E. Avey, former commissioner, F. H. Greer, editor of the State Capital, Postmaster E. E. Brown of Oklahoma City, Representative John Throckmold and Cash Cade, chairman of the territorial Republican committee.

TESTED IN EUREKA.

Automobile Law Will Be Enforced in Eureka.

Eureka, Kan., Aug. 15.—The new automobile law is to be tested in Eureka. It is not known whether there is a conspiracy to test the constitutionality of the act placed on the statute books by the last legislature or whether some provisions of the law have been violated. Dr. J. M. Reid, chauffeur and owner of Eureka's only automobile, arrested on a charge of not conducting his "auto" in a manner conforming to law.

RIVER STILL HIGH.

Abilene Had the Heaviest Rain of the Season.

Topeka, Kan., Aug. 15.—The Kansas river here has taken another upward turn and it seems probable that the present rise which has made it as high today as it has been at any time since June will continue. Reports by telegraph and telephone show that the river at Manhattan is again 10 feet above its low water mark.

At Abilene the heaviest rain of the season fell this morning. The water came down from the hills and is standing in two of the streets of the city to a depth of over two feet. The Smoky Hill river there raised seven feet last night and is still going up.

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stock. The incorporators are K. T. Hotchkiss of Bloomfield, Iowa; H. Hotchkiss and H. E. Guy of Kay City.

The "Best People of End Carnival company" of End with \$10,000 capital stock. The incorporators are J. B. Linden, M. S. Johnson, F. H. Hedges, R. E. Hedges, Frank Leason, T. S. Chambers, H. H. Watkins, L. A. Fraubien, L. H. Enright, Joseph Dodson and George D. Orner.

Notarial commissions were issued to C. E. Whittle of Carville and L. C. Lenker of Braman.

GREAT NORMAL INSTITUTE.

Woods County Claims to Carry Off the Palm.

Alva, O. T., Aug. 15.—The Woods County Normal Institute has just closed the most remarkable term in its history, with a total enrollment of 245. This is the largest enrollment ever made by any county in Oklahoma or Kansas. The great enrollment and intense interest of the teachers shown in the institute are very largely due to the untiring efforts of Superintendent J. B. Cooper, who has worked almost night and day to make this the famous institute of Oklahoma.

Superintendent Cooper foresaw the probabilities of a large attendance, and selected a faculty of strong educators to have direct supervision of the work in the persons of Dr. H. C. Fellow, conductor, and Dr. A. Griddle, Professors A. G. Vinson, H. T. Curtis and Mrs. Anna Stevens.

The closing examination of the institute found 125 eager applicants for certificates, that they might direct the young idea how to shoot right.

The teachers of Woods county all feel proud of the work of Superintendent Cooper and of the wonderful record this year.

REUNION IS OVER.

Was the Most Successful Week in Association's History.

Jefferson, O. T., Aug. 15.—The seventh annual reunion of the old soldiers held in Rock Island park closed tonight after one of the most successful weeks in the history of the association. Yesterday and today were the big days and not less than 5,000 people were in attendance yesterday, and nearly as many today. Governor Ferguson, Delegate to Congress B. S. McGuire and Hon. Edok T. Morgan were the principal speakers yesterday, and today Major Levi Ferguson of Wellington, Hon. Chas. A. Alexander, president of the territorial council, and ex-Governor C. M. Barnes addressed the people.

At the election of officers for the association the old officers were re-elected as follows: J. H. Decker, president; P. A. Becker, secretary, and W. H. Donnelly, treasurer.

The eighth annual reunion will be held in this same park, which is the finest in the territory, next August.

DISMISSES THE CASE.

Station Agents Are Not Held for Shipping the Cattle.

Guthrie, O. T., Aug. 15.—In the case of J. H. Clark, Santa Fe station agent at Hills, and L. W. Patton, agent at Red Rock, charged with shipping cattle to be shipped from their respective places without being labeled "Southern Cattle," the United States Commissioner at Perry yesterday dismissed the cases against each of them. The case against T. A. Dushum, L. A. Gilmer and S. B. Carpenter, charged with shipping cattle over the federal quarantine line without proper inspection, were also dismissed.

ONE MAN SQUEALE.

Knife Was Found in Pocket of Accused Person.

Jefferson, O. T., Aug. 15.—This morning the officials arrested Jim Morgan, Chan. Pliffler and Tom Hite, all of Pond Creek, in connection with the stabbing of Chas. Haver, and it is said that Pliffler "squealed" and has the stabbing to Morgan, who upon being searched disclosed a knife with blood on the blade, also there were spots of blood on his clothing, and an under-shirt was found in his room, the right sleeve of which was covered with blood. The preliminary trial will be held the coming week.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Williams

Guthrie's Clearing House.

Guthrie, O. T., Aug. 15.—The report of the Guthrie Clearing House association for the past week shows the bank clearings here to be \$200,000.

INFANTRY SHOOT

Soldiers at Leavenworth Complete Their Contest.

Leavenworth, Kan., Aug. 15.—The annual infantry competition of the department of the Missouri closed yesterday afternoon with Corporal W. A. Vickers, twenty-second infantry, the winner.

On the basis of the competitors a grand review of all the troops at Fort Leavenworth was given at 5 o'clock. Corporal Vickers will receive the gold medal, while the next three highest will receive silver medals. The next eight get bronze medals, the four highest will compose the team which will go to Fort Sheridan, Ill., on the basis of the competitors.

The twenty medal winners are: Corporal W. A. Vickers, 22nd infantry, 75; Corporal L. C. Smith, 22nd infantry, 73; First Sergeant Arvid Duesbery, 22nd infantry, 70; Sergeant Oscar Fox, colored, 24th infantry, 72; Corporal William Tate, colored, 24th infantry, 72; Sergeant A. L. Young, 22nd infantry, 71; Second Lieutenant K. T. Smith, 24th infantry, 66; Musician R. M. Riege, 24th infantry, 65; Captain R. A. Poore, 24th infantry, 65; First Sergeant Thomas McLane, 24th infantry, 67; Sergeant H. X. Hannon, 24th infantry, 66; Quartermaster Sergeant Isaac White, 22nd infantry, 68.

VISITED THE POPE

Sir Thomas Edmondson Receives a Pleasing Letter.

Rome, Aug. 15.—Sir Thomas Edmondson, M. P., the delegate to the Papal coronation of the Irish parliamentary party today received the following letter from the pope to the audience he had with the pope yesterday.

You have discharged your high and honorable mission in the name of the parliamentary party in Ireland, laying at the feet of the Holy Father in elevated address. The occasion you furnish the new year of Christ to direct his attention to the loyalty and unity of the Irish people in the midst of the loyal expression from all parts of the world with some participation the successor of St. Peter was confirmed today the hereditary national virtue of your race.

His holiness has taken pleasure in ex-

FEMALE WEAKNESS IS USUALLY PELVIC CATARRH.

Pe-ru-na Cures Catarrh Wherever Located.



Women Who Suffer Listen to What Dr. Hartman Proposes to Do for You Without Charge.

Doubtless hundreds of thousands of women all over the United States have seen Dr. Hartman's offer in the papers—how he has undertaken to treat every woman suffering with any form of female disease who will write to him free of charge.

To those who have not heard of this it may be said that Dr. Hartman is a physician and surgeon of great renown in medical circles, especially in the treatment of those diseases which women alone have to bear.

He has arranged to answer all letters that are sent to him from women troubled with any form of female weakness, free of charge, giving the benefit of knowledge which has cost him forty years to accumulate.

The medicines he prescribes are within the reach of any woman, and she can get them at any drug store.

All she is required to do is to send her name and address, together with her symptoms, duration of sickness and age. Address Dr. S. B. Hartman, President of the Harman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio.

Paris, Aug. 15.—Although Foreign Minister Delcasse and most of the responsible officials are absent, assurances were given that official opinion is strongly in support of Russian action, as the French policy throughout has favored an energetic course.

Milwaukee, Aug. 15.—The Daily News says Claude Elliott, of the Milwaukee American association team, has been sold to the Cincinnati National League team. He joins the Reds next season.

Fall River, Mass., Aug. 15.—Owing to the curtailment in the cotton mills next week fourteen mills will be idle and 5,000 operatives affected.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Two hundred and eighty-seven trusts are now known to be in existence.

Three hundred and seventy-seven properties are controlled by the Steel Trust.

Not more than fifty cities of population over 100,000 have been added to the list of cities of the United States since 1880.

It costs on an average \$25,000 to dock, scrape and paint one of our big ironclads. Let this be done often—twice a year.

The milkman in Cuba is decidedly picturesque. Sometimes he drives his cow from door to door in the town. In the rural districts he uses a donkey, which is further incensed with hump cars.

The lion is worth to the animal dealer \$2,000; the domestic, \$500; the leopard \$300; the panther, \$200; bears, \$50 to \$100; an elk, \$200; the camel, \$50; and the elephant, \$300.

Among long staircases the world over none is so safe as, in no long or dimly lit ascent as "Jacob's Ladder."

This remarkable sight contains several hundred steps all rising with the same lift in the same direction. The steps rise at an angle of exactly forty-five degrees.

"Jacob's Ladder" ascends a particularly steep hill at St. Helena. The steps are, naturally, the most direct route to the summit of the hill and despite their

Not for me! I'm safe from all of them and happy. The heat of summer causes organic matter everywhere to decay. All dead vegetable or animal matter rots if not kept on ice. All undigested food in the human body will ferment a hundred times as quickly in summer as in winter.

Consequence—stomach, liver, bowels poisoned, thrown out of order—sour stomach, gases, colic, diarrhoea, dysentery, cholera, appendicitis and in some regions yellow fever and the plague. Little children suffer terribly everywhere. What does good sense tell you to do? You can't keep the human body on ice, and the drinking of ice-cold drinks does more harm than good because it stops digestion and chills the internal organs.

The proper thing is to keep all impure and unnecessary matter out of the body every day, not give it a chance to sour and decay in the stomach and bowels, and poison the blood and the whole body. In this way you will stop all hot, feverish conditions, and keep your insides cool and healthy. To do it, use a medicine that is not offensive to the taste and not harsh and violent in its action. There is only one safe system-cleaner to take in the summer time, because it will not cause diarrhoea or griping, and that is

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